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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
- the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages 1-31 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- the claims:
 nos. 2-25 as originally filed/furnished
 nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 nos.* 1 received by this Authority on 07.03.2005 with letter of 07.03.2005
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- the drawings:
 sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
 sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- the description, pages _____
 - the claims, nos. _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1–25	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1–25	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1–25	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**1. Reference is made to the following documents:**

D1: EP-A-0 339 862 (ICI PLC; ICI RESINS BV (NL);
 ICI AMERICA INC (US)) 2 November 1989
 (1989-11-02)

D2: DE 197 22 403 A (DAINIPPON INK & CHEMICALS)
 4 December 1997 (1997-12-04)

D3: WO 00/37518 A (KERN ALFRED; MAIER ALOIS (DE);
 INGRISCH STEFAN (DE); WEICHMANN JOSEF)
 29 June 2000 (2000-06-29)

2. Novelty

The present application concerns an aqueous polyurethane hybrid dispersion, which is produced by radical polymerisation of a monomer component (B) in the presence of a laterally fluorine-modified, anionically stabilised polyurethane dispersion with a polymer-bound fluorine content of up to 5 wt.% and an initiator (C) (claim 1). The present application also concerns the corresponding method (claim 16) and the use of the polyurethane hybrid dispersion (claim 22).

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Document D3 does not disclose a fluorine-modified polyurethane dispersion. The polyurethane dispersion in document D2 is not laterally fluorine-modified. The fluorine content of the basic polyurethane in document D1 is approximately 14 wt.% ($65.7 \times 0.364 / (100+11+65.7)$).

The subject matter of claims 1-25 of the present application is thus novel over documents D1-D3.

3. Inventive step

Document D1 is considered the closest prior art.

Document D1 discloses a polyurethane dispersion based on a laterally fluorine-modified basic polyurethane with a fluorine content of approximately 14 wt.% (see example 1).

The subject matter of the present application differs from the subject matter of document D1 in that the fluorine content of the polyurethane is at most 5 wt.%.

The present application addressed the problem of developing an aqueous polyurethane hybrid dispersion for treating surfaces to make them permanently oil- and water-repellent (see page 4, lines 21-29).

That problem was solved by a basic polyurethane

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with a fluorine content of up to 5 wt.% (see the examples).

That solution is not proposed in document D1 and is also not obvious from a combination of document D1 with documents D2 and D3.

The subject matter of claims 1-25 of the present application thus involves an inventive step in relation to documents D1-D3.